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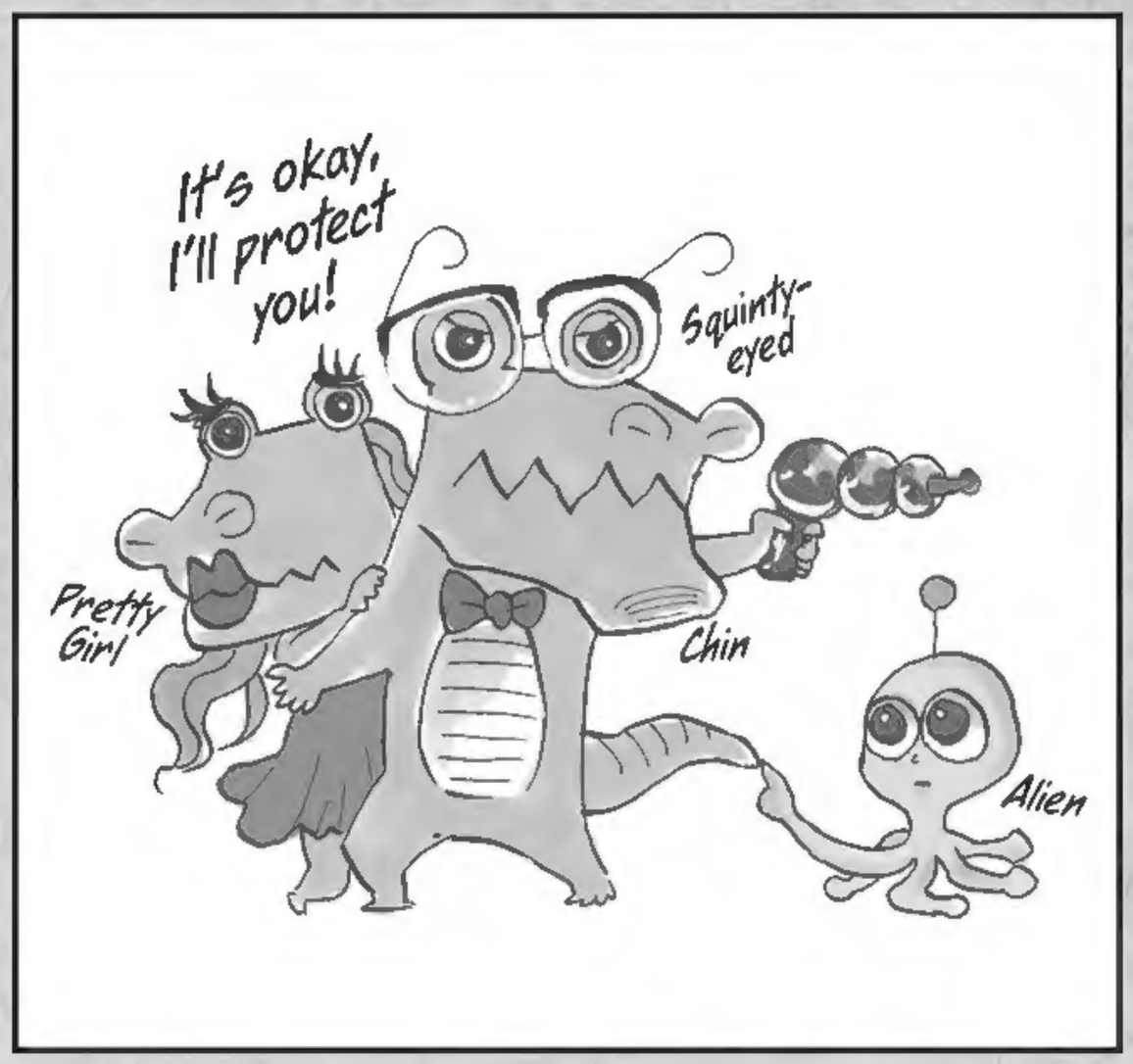

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Hi, everyone! I'm Gotouge and this is volume 22! Thank you to everyone involved! Recently, I've been thinking about ways to address an extraterrestrial lifeform furtively invading the earth. I was thinking that if aliens replaced my family and friends, I might be able to tell by establishing a made-up code word...but if the aliens have a device or natural ability that allows them to read minds, then what could I do?! Solving one problem just leads to another!! The Earth Defense Corps never sleeps! ★ If you watch too many science fiction films, you start thinking like this, so be careful! When I ran out of midmorning snacks, my assistant gave me some!

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THE WHEEL OF FATE

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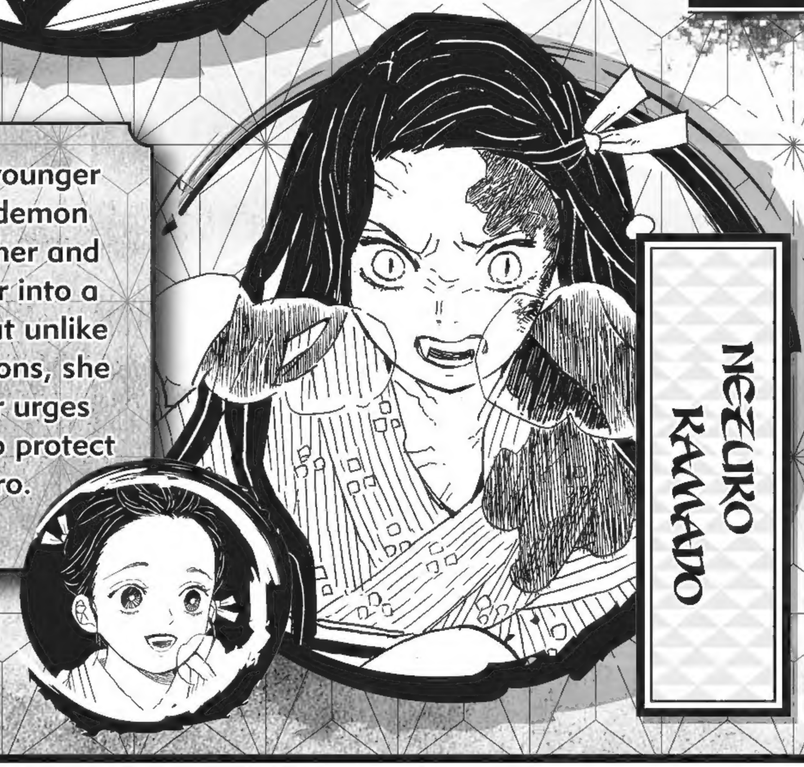
CHARACTERS

Tanjiro Kamado

A kind boy who saved his sister and now aims to avenge his family. He can smell the scent of demons and an opponent's weakness.

Nezuko Kamado



Tanjiro's younger sister. A demon attacked her and turned her into a demon. But unlike other demons, she fights her urges and tries to protect Tanjiro.

Giyu Tomioka

The Hashira who invited Tanjiro to join the Demon Slayer Corps. He has always cared about Tanjiro.

Inosuke Hashibira

He also went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

Zenitsu Agatsuma

He went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

Obanai Iguro

Serpent Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He's always in the company of his snake Kaburamaru.

Sanemi Shinazugawa

Wind Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He has a harsh attitude toward his younger brother Genya.

Gyomei Himejima

Stone Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He is always holding a rosary and reciting Buddhist prayers.

Mitsuri Kanroji

Love Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. She joined the Demon Slayer Corps to find a man to marry.

Yushiro

A young boy who is a demon. He is devoted to Tamayo and possesses a Blood Demon Art called Eyeblind. He is pretending to be human so he can work alongside the Demon Slayers.

Muzan Kibutsuji

Kibutsuji turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live among human beings.

STORY

In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family!

After joining the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro—demons who oppose Kibutsuji—who provide a clue to how Nezuko may be turned back into a human. Nezuko manifests the ability to withstand sunlight, so Kibutsuji attacks Ubuyashiki Mansion. The Demon Slayers suffer many sacrifices, but they kill all the upper-rank demons and eventually succeed in forcing Kibutsuji above ground from inside Infinity Castle!! The Hashira attack with all their remaining strength, and Tanjiro collapses after an attack by Kibutsuji!!

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THE WHEEL OF FATE

CHAPTER 188: SORROWFUL LOVE

I CAN'T EVEN GET A FEEL FOR HIS ATTACKS!

HE'S GOTTEN EVEN FASTER! IT'S OVER-WHELMING!!

I'LL ALSO BE IMMOBILE SOON!

I CAN NO LONGER SHIELD HIMEJIMA!

I'VE BARELY HELPED AT ALL, AND NOW I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST TO FALL!

I'M RELYING ON INTUITION AND LUCK TO DODGE!

I CAN'T SEE HIM AT ALL!

I JUST HAVE TO BE WILLING TO RISK IT ALL AND ATTACK.

BUT EVEN THEN I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO STOP MUZAN!

SLA

SH

INSTEAD OF CUTTING HIM, MAYBE I SHOULD TRY PINNING HIS ARMS TO—

HM?

SOME-THING'S HOLD-ING ME DOWN.

WHAT WAS THAT ATTACK?!

I THOUGHT KANROJI HAD DODGED IT!

WHAM

FIND THE CORPS MEMBER WITH ALMOND-SHAPED EYES WHO HAS THIS PAPER!

HIS NAME IS YUSHIRO!

TEND TO HER WOUNDS!

YES, SIR!

I WON'T HOLD YOU BACK!

I CAN STILL FIGHT.

WAIT.

I...

HUFF!

HUFF!

NO...

I CAN'T DIE YET!

I HAVEN'T HELPED AT ALL!

NO.

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.

I'LL GO WITH YOU!!

IGURO!

WS

WAIT!!

YES, SIR!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

DON'T GET YOURSELF KILLED!!

NO, IGURO...

DEMONS...

I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE ELSE TO DIE!!

...BECAUSE DEMONS EXIST IN THIS WORLD.

SO MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST...

NO...

THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.

...UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES.

...THAT YOU AND I HAD MET...

I WISH...

...I HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE WITH YOU.

UNLESS I DIE...

...AND COME BACK IN A DIFFERENT BODY IN WHICH THIS FILTHY BLOOD DOES NOT FLOW...

...I BELONG TO A CORRUPT BLOODLINE THAT HAS KILLED TO LINE ITS OWN POCKETS.

KAN-ROJI...

...AVARICIOUS, OSTENTATIOUS AND UGLY CLAN.

WE ARE A SHAME-LESS...

WITH STOLEN MONEY, WE HAVE INHABITED MANSIONS, FEASTED AND LIVED IN UNNECESSARY LUXURY.

IT HAD BEEN 370 YEARS SINCE THE LAST BIRTH OF A BOY.

THE FAMILY GAVE BIRTH TO MANY GIRLS.

...THEY CON-FINED ME TO A CELL.

SINCE THE TIME OF MY BIRTH...

AND EACH DAY, THEY BROUGHT ME RICH FOODS.

...SO MUCH THAT IT WAS DISGUSTING.

MY MOTHER, SISTERS AND AUNTS FAWNED OVER ME...

AT NIGHT IN THE CELL...

THE POOR VENTILATION MADE THE SMELL OF FAT SO SUFFOCATING THAT I FELT NAUSEOUS.

...I HEARD THE CREEPY SOUND OF SOMETHING MASSIVE CRAWLING AROUND.

SHRRK

SHRRK

SHRRK

ABOUT THE TIME I TURNED 12, THEY DRAGGED ME FROM THE CELL.

MY WHOLE BODY WOULD SWEAT AND I COULDN'T SLEEP UNTIL THE SOUND STOPPED.

AND I FELT A GAZE FIXED UPON ME.

IN A SPLENDID, GAUDY AND LUXURIOUS ROOM...

...AS IF ENSHRINED LIKE AN OBJECT OF WORSHIP...

...WAS A FEMALE DEMON WHOSE LOWER BODY WAS THAT OF A SERPENT.

...TO SEE ME AT NIGHT.

I IMMEDIATELY REALIZED THAT IT WAS SHE WHO HAD BEEN COMING...

PERHAPS I SHOULD WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE BIGGER.

YOU ARE SMALL, SO VERY SMALL...

THE DEMON LOVED FEEDING UPON NEWBORN BABIES, SO IN RETURN...

MY FAMILY HAD BEEN LIVING OFF RICHES STOLEN FROM THOSE WHOM THIS SERPENT DEMON HAD SLAIN.

...THE FAMILY HAD BEEN OFFERING THEIR OWN OFFSPRING TO HER AS SACRIFICES.

...SO SHE HAD TAKEN A GREAT LIKING TO ME...

...AND ALLOWED ME TO LIVE UNTIL I GREW TO A MORE SATIATING SIZE.

I WAS A RARE BOY CHILD WITH UNUSUAL EYES...

THEY COLLECTED MY BLOOD IN A CHALICE AND FED IT TO HER.

...AND HAD MY MOUTH CUT TO MORE CLOSELY MATCH HER OWN.

SHE DETERMINED I WOULD LIVE A LITTLE LONGER...

WITH A STOLEN HAIRPIN, I BEGAN SCRATCHING AWAY AT THE LATTICE OF MY CELL.

BACK IN MY CELL, I THOUGHT ONLY OF ESCAPE AND SURVIVAL.

THE ONLY LIVING CREATURE I COULD TRUST WAS THE SNAKE KABURAMARU, WHO HAD STRAYED INTO MY CELL.

EACH DAY, I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK FOR FEAR THEY WOULD DISCOVER WHAT I WAS DOING.

ALONG THE WAY, SHE NEARLY CAUGHT AND KILLED ME, BUT...

ONE DAY, I MADE MY ESCAPE.

...AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE FLAME HASHIRA SAVED ME.

IT'S *YOUR* FAULT!

...BUT SHE REJECTED ME.

THE FLAME HASHIRA BROUGHT ME TO MY COUSIN...

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LET THE DEMON EAT YOU AS A SACRIFICE!!

SHE KILLED EVERYONE BECAUSE YOU RAN AWAY!!

FIFTY PEOPLE! AND *YOU* KILLED THEM!

...HER WORDS DEEPLY PAINED ME.

HOW-EVER...

MY COUSIN'S BERATING WAS ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED.

BUT I HAD FLED BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE.

I HAD CONSIDERED WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO MY RELATIVES...

...IF I ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

MY SINS WERE DEEP, SO I COULD NOT LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.

AS THE MEMBER OF A FILTHY FAMILY, I TOO WAS CORRUPT.

BY RISKING MY LIFE FOR OTHERS...

...I FELT AS IF..

...I COULD IN SOME WAY BECOME A SLIGHTLY BETTER PERSON.

WITH NO OTHER OUTLET, I TURNED ALL MY RAGE ON DEMONS...

...IN A GRUDGE OF INTENSE HATRED.

...CONTINUED TO CLAW AT ME AND HOLD ME BACK.

HOWEVER, THE DECAYING HANDS...

...OF 50 PEOPLE WHOSE EYES SHONE WITH REPROACH...

...I WILL TELL YOU OF MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.

AND I PRAY THAT HIS DEATH WILL PURIFY MY FILTHY BLOOD.

I WANT TO DIE DEFEATING MUZAN.

THEN, IF I AM REBORN AS A HUMAN BEING...

...IN A PEACEFUL WORLD WITHOUT DEMONS...

TAISHO WHISPERS

Iguro has difficulty with girls. Due to his experiences growing up, he was unable to conquer his fear and animosity. Plus, the girls who joined the Demon Slayer Corps often put on brave faces because of their sad backgrounds, so he felt sorry for them, making him uncomfortable in a different way. He was startled when Mitsuri Kanroji suddenly spoke to him. Her brightness, openness and kindness were so overwhelming that he thought she was more beautiful than anyone else. Even though it was their first time meeting, Mitsuri chattered away, telling him all about the makeup of the Kanroji family, her cats' names and characteristics, their likes and even which ones were stronger or weaker than others.

CHAPTER 189: REASSURING COMRADES

AGH! NO, NO, NO! DON'T COME IN!!

GO THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

REALLY?! IS THERE A FIRE?!

THERE'S NO FIRE!! SO DON'T WORRY!!

THERE'S A SINKHOLE! IT'S DANGEROUS AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO EVACUATE!

WE'RE INVESTIGATING A SINKHOLE!!

ARE YOU THE POLICE?

THE POLICE ASKED US TO COME!!

MEOW

THE POOR THING.

OH...

A CAT.

MEOW

THAT'S BECAUSE NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE OUT AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT.

THE COLLAPSING BUILDING DIDN'T HURT ANYONE.

HMM...

HUFF

HUFF

IRIT

NO!!

THAT WAY'S DANGEROUS!

HERE...

CAN YOU GET OUT?

DRAG DRAG

CLASH

CLASH

AS SOON AS HE CUT ME, HE KICKED AWAY THE LIMB...

...TO PREVENT IMMEDIATE REGENERATION.

FWISH

HOWEVER, THAT...

...ONLY BOUGHT HIM A MOMENT.

WHIZ

WHIZ

THE INHALATIONS OF THE MOUTHS!!

IT'S A TROUBLESOME ATTACK. THE SUCTION IS POWERFUL, EVEN AT A GREAT RANGE!

THE LARGE MOVEMENT NECESSARY TO AVOID THEM DRASTICALLY REDUCES MY ENDURANCE!

SO TO BUY EVEN ONE SECOND, EVERYONE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS IS SACRIFICING THEIR LIVES!

ONE SECOND ...

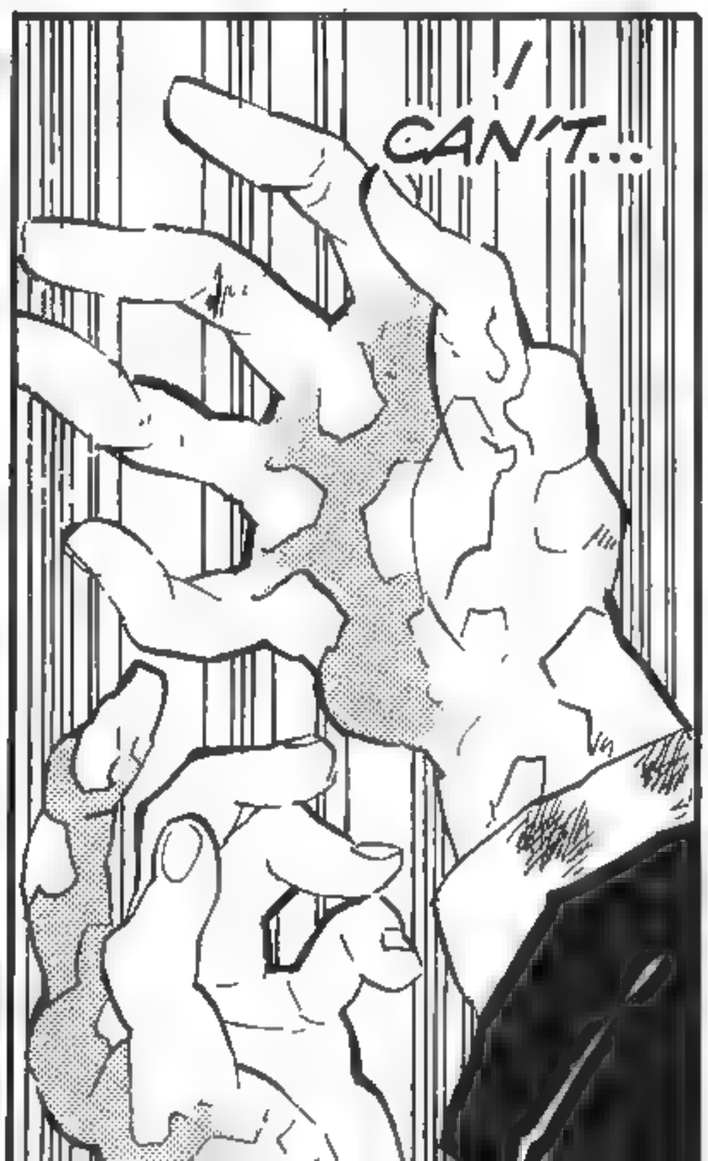
DAWN FEELS SO FAR AWAY...

...THE LIVES OF OUR COMRADES WHO PRO-TECTED US.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIVABLE TO WASTE...

DEFEAT IS UNFORGIVABLE.

悪鬼滅殺
AHA


I CAN'T...

MY GRIP...

OR I'LL KILL YOU!!

STOP SPACING OUT!!

SHIN

FLOWING DANCE!

PUT UP A FIGHT WORTHY OF THE WATER HASHIRA!!

...UNTIL THE END!

YOU CAN STILL FIGHT!! HANG IN THERE...

THERE IS ONE HOUR AND 14 MINUTES UNTIL DAWN.

...BUT SOON THEY WILL ALL FALL.

THEY'RE SURVIVING LONGER THAN I EXPECTED...

...HUMANS ALWAYS DIE.

STRUGGLE AS THEY MAY, IN THE END...

CELL DESTRUCTION TAKES LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES TO KILL.

EVEN WITHOUT A BODY, I'LL TAKE A BITE OUT OF HIM!!

WE WON'T LAST UNTIL DAWN!!

UH-OH...

ACK

I'M SMALL, SO THE POISON IS SPREADING FASTER!!
DAMMIT!

?!

BOOM

URGH !!

OH NO!!

!!

?!

WHAT THE...?!

WOAH

WHAT IS THAT?

THUD

FWOOSH

HUH?

FWOOSH

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT A PASSING CAT...

...JUST HELPED US!!

MY PULSE AND THE PAIN ARE BOTH BETTER!

...NOW I CAN CONTINUE FIGHTING!!

IT MAY ONLY TEMPORARILY RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS, BUT...

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT THAT WAS INCREDIBLY LUCKY!

EVEN DEAD, SHE VEXES ME...

SHE CREATED SOMETHING LIKE A SERUM TO STOP THE CELL DESTRUCTION.

THAT WOMAN AGAIN...

THIS IS TAMAYO'S DOING.

GIVE UP THIS POINTLESS STRUGGLE!!

JUST DIE ALREADY!!

I WISH I COULD DELIVER A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTACK!

I...

...HAVE ACCOMPLISHED LESS IN THIS BATTLE THAN ANYONE!

A WEAK HAND THAT HAS NEVER LIFTED ANYTHING...

...HEAVIER THAN CHOP-STICKS...

WHEN LIVING CREATURES ARE NEAR DEATH...

...THEY CAN EXERT AN EXPLOSIVE STRENGTH!

AND YOU...

TOKITO ...

...WITH A SINGLE HAIRPIN.

...CAN BREAK THROUGH THE THICK LATTICE OF A CELL...

...AND PROVED THAT REGARDLESS OF A KATANA'S COLOR, IT IS POSSIBLE TO TURN ITS BLADE RED.

ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, YOU TURNED A WHITE BLADE BRIGHT RED...

...ALL TOKITO COULD THINK TO DO IN THAT MOMENT WAS TIGHTEN HIS GRIP ON HIS SWORD.

BASED ON THE CROW'S REPORT...

...IS WHAT RAISED THE BLADE'S TEMPERATURE.

PERHAPS RECEIVING A STRONG BLOW...

...IS ITS WIELDER PUSHING HIMSELF TO THE BRINK OF DEATH...

WHAT STAINS A BLADE RED...

...SO THAT HIS GRIP...

...IS LIKE A VISE!

Iguro's scabbard is leather. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to unsheathe his sword due to its wavy shape.

Can't unsheathe. Seriously. It's impossible.

Open-sided scabbard

Like this.

Tecchin's son Gantetsu made it.

Akkimessatsu

Wraps around the blade

Fastens with weak magnets

Igucchi

CHAPTER 190: ONE AFTER ANOTHER

...I REALIZED I HAD MADE A MISTAKE.

WHEN I SAW THE BRIGHT-RED BLADE...

I WAS TOO INTENT ON TURNING MY BLADE RED SO I COULD DELIVER AN EFFECTIVE BLOW AGAINST MUZAN.

I SAW STARS IN MY PERIPHERAL VISION.

...IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE DUE TO LACK OF OXYGEN.

I PUT ALL MY STRENGTH INTO MY GRIP...

...AND I NEARLY FAINTED...

IGURO!!

IT'S NO USE. I'VE LOST SENSATION EVERYWHERE BUT IN MY HAND.

HANG IN THERE AND FIGHT HARDER...

...TO MAKE UP FOR KANROJI.

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DISPERSE MUZAN'S ATTACKS.

IF ONE OF US FALLS, THE BURDEN ON THE OTHERS INCREASES.

?!

IGURO! I WAS TOO LATE!!

IGURO !!

WHAT

!!

SWISH

WHIRL

WHAT KIND OF CUT IS THAT?

WHIRL

HE JUST CAME IN TO ASSIST.

HIS SWORD CAN'T CUT LIKE THAT.

IT WASN'T HIS IRON BALL.

HIS TRAJECTORY AS HE DODGED WAS UNUSUAL.

WHSH

AND HE CAN TURN HIS BLADE BRIGHT RED, BUT HE CAN'T EXTEND IT.

SPIN

AND IT'S JAGGED.

IT'S A BLADE WITH A ROUGH CUT.

THAT CUT AGAIN.

I SEE...

I CAN'T SEE THIS THREAT, BUT...

...IT IS THERE.

SOMEONE IS THERE.

...IT CANNOT HIDE ITS EXISTENCE.

...AS LONG AS IT IS MOVING...

EVEN IF A SPELL FROM TAMAYO'S DEMON HIDES IT...

ONE...

... TWO ...

...BUT I HEAR THE AIR PARTING.

THERE ARE NO DUST CLOUDS...

...THREE ATTACK-ERS!

URGH...

HE NOTICED SOONER THAN I EXPECTED !!

HOW DARE YOU!!

AGH !!

YOU FILTHY MAGGOT !!

OW...

OW OW OW!!

OF COURSE I WOULDN'T DIE!!

YOU GUYS ARE STILL ALIVE?!

!!

BESIDES, I'VE GOT TONS OF THESE PAPERS!

SPELL

WAAAH !!

I'VE PICKED UP A BUNCH!!

ENOUGH BLATHER!

CUT AS MANY AS YOU WANT, BUT I'VE GOT MORE! YOUR PITIFUL ATTACKS—

!

VRR

IKMB

...EVEN MUZAN WOULD TAKE TIME TO REGENERATE!

HE'S REGENERATING SLOWLY! IF YOU USE A BRIGHT-RED BLADE...

GYAAAH!!

SWOO

THUNDER BREATHING

FIRST FORM:

THUNDERCLAP AND FLASH

FLOWER BREATHING

FOURTH FORM:

CRIMSON HANAGOROMO

...BUT PITIFUL TRICKS!!

YOU PESKY FLIES HAVE NOTHING...

SERPENT BREATHING

COIL CHOKE

THIRD FORM:

IT CREATES JUST ENOUGH SPACE FOR ME TO DO SOMETHING!!

I'M GLAD THEY CAME!

IN ADDITION TO IGURO'S BRIGHT-RED SWORD, IT HELPS THAT WE'VE INCREASED IN NUMBER!!

WHOOSH

IT MAY NOT LAST LONG, BUT IT'LL IMPROVE MY OFFENSE!!

HEAT! AND THE SMELL OF SOMETHING BURNING! AND THE COLOR CHANGED JUST LIKE THAT ONE TIME!!

...

?!

TOMIOKA!! PREPARE YOURSELF!!

KA

KA

SH

?!

MY BLADE IS TURNING BRIGHT RED?!

KAAAW!! ONE HOUR AND THREE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

NO PROBLEM! WE'LL CHOP HIM INTO LITTLE PIECES!!!

SENGOKU WHISPERS

The Kamado family lives where Yoriichi lived with Uta. The house was an empty hovel when someone in the Kamado family came and took up residence. When the Demon Slayer Corps was in pursuit of Yoriichi, he came wandering back to the house where he had lived with Uta. There he found Sumiyoshi and Suyako, who was in her last month of pregnancy, and saved them from an attacking demon. Later, Suyako went into labor, so Yoriichi went to summon a midwife and came back incredibly fast. The next day, Sumire was born without any complications. Yoriichi felt redeemed to have been able to do for Sumiyoshi and Suyako what he had been unable to do for his own wife and child.

CHAPTER 191:
WHICH ONE OF US IS THE DEMON?

HOW MANY IS THAT NOW? IS IT ALL RIGHT TO INJECT THAT MUCH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HMPH!

...TO FREE HIS SWORD FROM HIS HAND.

I'M TRYING ...

...SO HE'S IN BAD SHAPE.

QUIET. IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE MUZAN STRUCK HIM...

SORRY.

EVEN WHEN HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, HE'S STRONG!

BUT HE WON'T LET GO.

WHAT ?!

AGH!

A PULSE !!

...

HE MUST STILL HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT.

HANG IN THERE!! COME BACK TO US!!

TANJIRO !!

IT'S WEAK, BUT IT'S THERE!!

HIS PULSE IS BACK!!

DAWN IS NEAR!

TANJIRO !!

TANJIRO !!

TANJIRO
!!

HIS PULSE IS FADING... IT'S NO USE.

TANJIRO
!!

WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED— LET'S BEAT HIM TOGETHER!

TANJIRO! LET'S GO DEFEAT MUZAN!

WE HAVE TO GO NOW!

MUZAN WILL GET AWAY!

休

KRAK

WHAT ?!

?!

W...

WHAT IS THAT SOUND?

IT'S HIS KATANA.

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

WE JUST MIGHT DO IT!

MAYBE WE'LL LAST UNTIL DAWN!

W-WOW!!

HFF HFF

SLASH

AND FINALLY DEFEAT MUZAN!!

IT ISN'T EASY!! FIRST YOU NEED TO BE AS STRONG AS ME!

I WANNA TURN MY BLADE RED TOO!!

ZENITSU!! KANAO!!

COOL! I'LL USE ANYTHING I CAN!

THOSE OF US WEARING A SEAL CAN SEE EACH OTHER!

I GET IT NOW!

GALE— SUDDEN GUSTS!

WIND BREATHING

SEVENTH FORM:

...I MAY LEARN SOMETHING ADVANTAGEOUS FOR BATTLE.

IF I EXAMINE MUZAN'S BODY IN THE TRANSPARENT WORLD...

MORE FIGHTERS PROVIDED JUST ENOUGH LEEWAY FOR ME TO CONCENTRATE.

WISH

LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE ECHOES...

...JUST LIKE BEFORE.

HE HAS MULTIPLE BRAINS AND HEARTS!!

HE'S UNBELIEV-ABLE!!

...THAN ONE BODY SHOULD HAVE!!

...BUT HE CAN MAKE MORE...

HIS INTERNAL ORGANS ARE COMPLI-CATED...

THIS IS WHY...

...HE WON'T DIE IF WE CUT OFF HIS HEAD!!

THEY DON'T HAVE FIXED LOCATIONS, WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO STRIKE THEM.

AND HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS MOVE!!

LOOK CLOSELY AT HIS BODY!

WAIT!! IF OTHERS COULD SENSE INSIDE OF HIM LIKE I CAN...

...AND IF WE COULD ATTACK ALL 12 PLACES SIMULTANEOUSLY ...

DOES HE LOOK TRANSPAR-ENT?

DOES YOUR VISION CHANGE?

THE REST OF YOU CAN TRY IT TOO!!

WHAT IS THIS?

...DID I SEE THROUGH HIM?

FOR A MOMENT...

FBI

?

WHAT CAUSED THAT SOUND AND SHAKING?

BOOM

WHOA...

WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?

HUH?

BRRMP

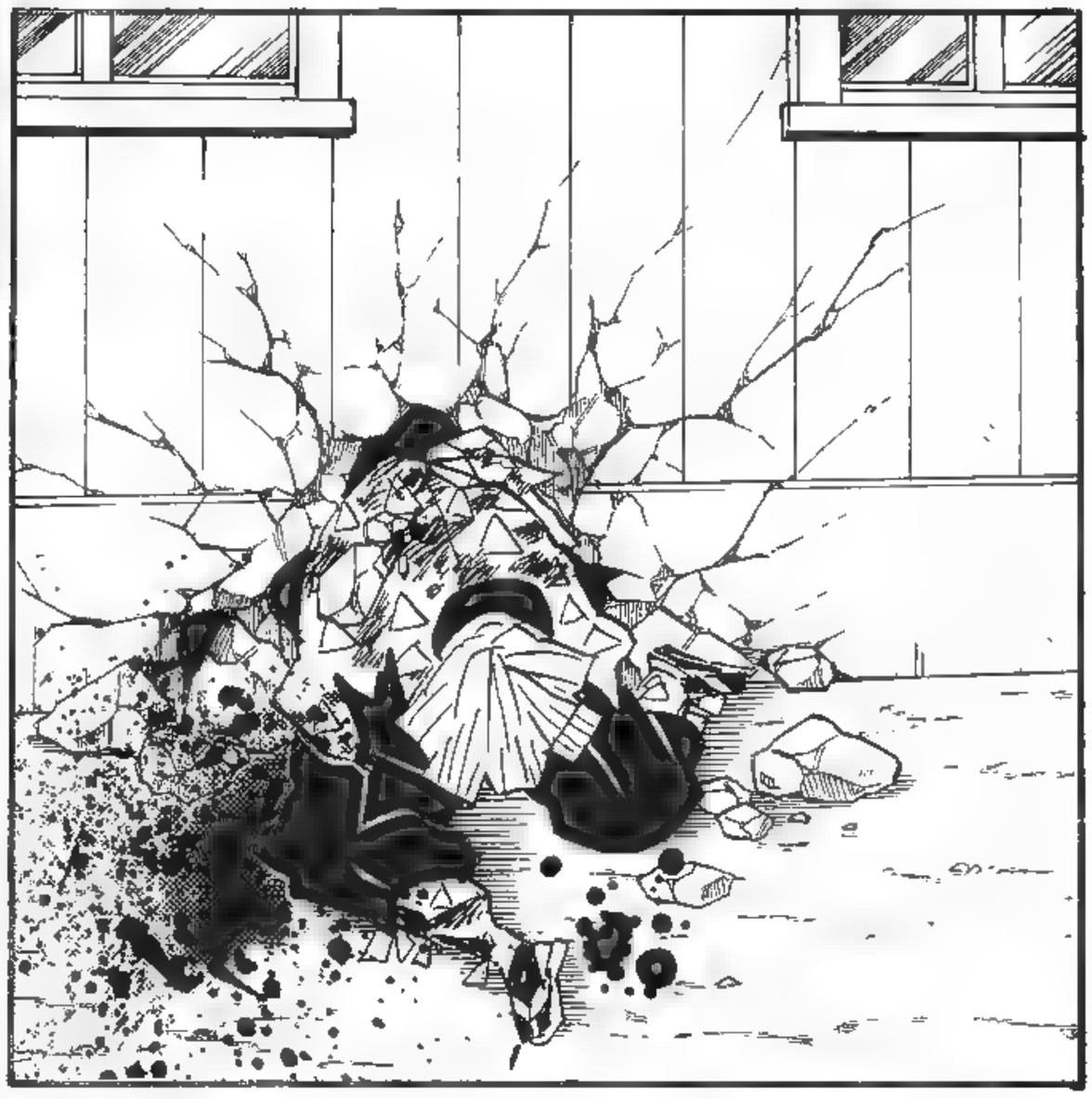
BABMP

WHAT THE...

BABMP

HUH?

?



MUZAN
...
...IS TOO FAST.
KOKUSEN

DA DUM

...YOUR FEET.

...DEFEAT HIM...

YOU MUST...

MOVE...

HURRY UP...

...AND STAND.

HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF ALL OUR FAMILIES.

SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO FEEL SAD AGAIN.

...SO EVERYONE CAN LIVE IN PEACE...

...CAN FIGHT BRAVELY UNTIL THE END LIKE MY OLDER SISTER.

I'LL BEAT HIM EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.

EVEN I...

STOP IT!!

HINOKAMI KAGURA
BENEFICENT RADIANCE!

SIZZ

Y...

TAKE CARE OF HER.

YES, OF COURSE!

TANJIRO ...

TANJIRO...

SORRY I'M LATE.

YES.

YOU LOOK...

...POSITIVELY AWFUL...

...TANJIRO KAMADO.

...WHICH ONE OF US IS THE DEMON.

IT'S HARD TO TELL...

YOU MAKE MY SKIN CRAWL.

...MUZAN.

LET'S FINISH THIS...

SENGOKU WHISPERS

Sumiyoshi's house is a nice one because of people repaying him for helping them. He didn't think he had done anything that great, so he refused offerings of gratitude, including money, but then a bunch of carpenters came and fixed up the house so it looked gorgeous. Sumiyoshi and Suyako helped a mother and child in the mountains, and they turned out to be a feudal lord's wife and heir. While the lord was away, a struggle broke out over who would be the successor. Finding their lives in danger, they fled but almost died in the mountains.

...UPON SEEING THE ACCURATE FORMS DEMON-STRATED ONE TIME.

IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING EXPLANATIONS HUNDREDS OF TIMES...

...MY UNDER-STANDING VASTLY CHANGED...

CHAPTER 192: -THE-WHEEL-OF-FATE

I NOTICED WASTEFUL MOVEMENT...

...WHEN IT CAME TO A SLIGHT VARIATION IN THE ANGLE OF MY WRIST...

...AND DIFFERENCES IN MY FOOTWORK AND LEARN-ING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN BREATHS...

MAYBE I'M JUST DREAMING.

EVEN STILL...

YORIICHI WAS A QUIET AND SIMPLE PERSON.

...HE WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SHOW HER.

...ASKED TO SEE THE SWORD FORMS...

WHEN SUYAKO ...

...BURNING THEM INTO HIS MEMORY SO NOT ONE ESCAPED.

SUMIYOSHI WATCHED THEM CAREFULLY...

THEY WERE STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL.

THE SUN BREATHING FORMS WERE SO PRETTY THAT HE FORGOT TO BREATHE.

...YORIICHI LOOKED MORE LIKE A SPIRIT THAN A MAN.

I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE LATER PASSED DOWN IN THE KAGURA.

WHEN HE SWUNG HIS SWORD...

...AND YORIICHI LOOKED DOWN IN EMBAR-RASSMENT.

SUYAKO AND THE CHILDREN OVERFLOWED WITH EXCITEMENT...

...YORIICHI GAVE SUMIYOSHI HIS EARRINGS.

SUMIYOSHI ASKED HIM TO COME BACK SOMEDAY...

...BUT WHEN THEY PARTED...

YORIICHI LOOKED SAD AS HE WALKED AWAY...

...AND SUMI-YOSHI BEGAN TO CRY.

...WOULD NEVER COME AGAIN.

THEN...

...SUMIYOSHI REALIZED THAT YORIICHI...

...SO WE WILL CARRY ON YOUR LEGACY!

YORIICHI!

YOU SAVED OUR LIVES...

Y...

...THAT YOU DIDN'T ACCOM-PLISH ANYTHING!

DON'T EVER THINK...

...SAY THAT ABOUT YOU!

I WON'T EVER LET ANYONE...

YOUR LIFE IS NOT WITHOUT VALUE!

I PROMISE!!

I WILL PASS DOWN THESE EARRINGS AND SUN BREATHING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS!

HUFF

HUFF

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MY ANCESTORS.

I AM INDEBTED TO YOU, YORIICHI.

IF IT WERE NOT FOR YOU, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN.

...BACK MUZAN INTO A CORNER.

YOU BELIEVED IN TAMAYO AND LET HER ESCAPE, AND NOW SHE HAS HELPED US...

I CAN FIGHT WITH THE SUN BREATHING...

...THAT YOU SHOWED THEM.

...DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

TWELVE OF THE FORMS HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN SURPRISINGLY ACCURATELY...

SUNFLOWER THRUST. SOLAR HEAT HAZE. SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMATION.

FAKE RAINBOW. FIRE WHEEL. BURNING BONES. SUMMER SUN.

DANCE. CLEAR BLUE SKY. RAGING SUN.

YOU SHOWED ME 12 FORMS.

BENEFICENT RADIANCE. DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE. FLAME DANCE.

AND I NOTICED SOMETHING ABOUT THE NAMES.

...THAT THE FLAME HASHIRA MENTIONED.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE 13TH FORM...

"IF YOU LEARN HOW TO BREATHE PROPERLY, TANJIRO, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DANCE FOREVER TOO!"

AND MY FATHER ONCE SAID...

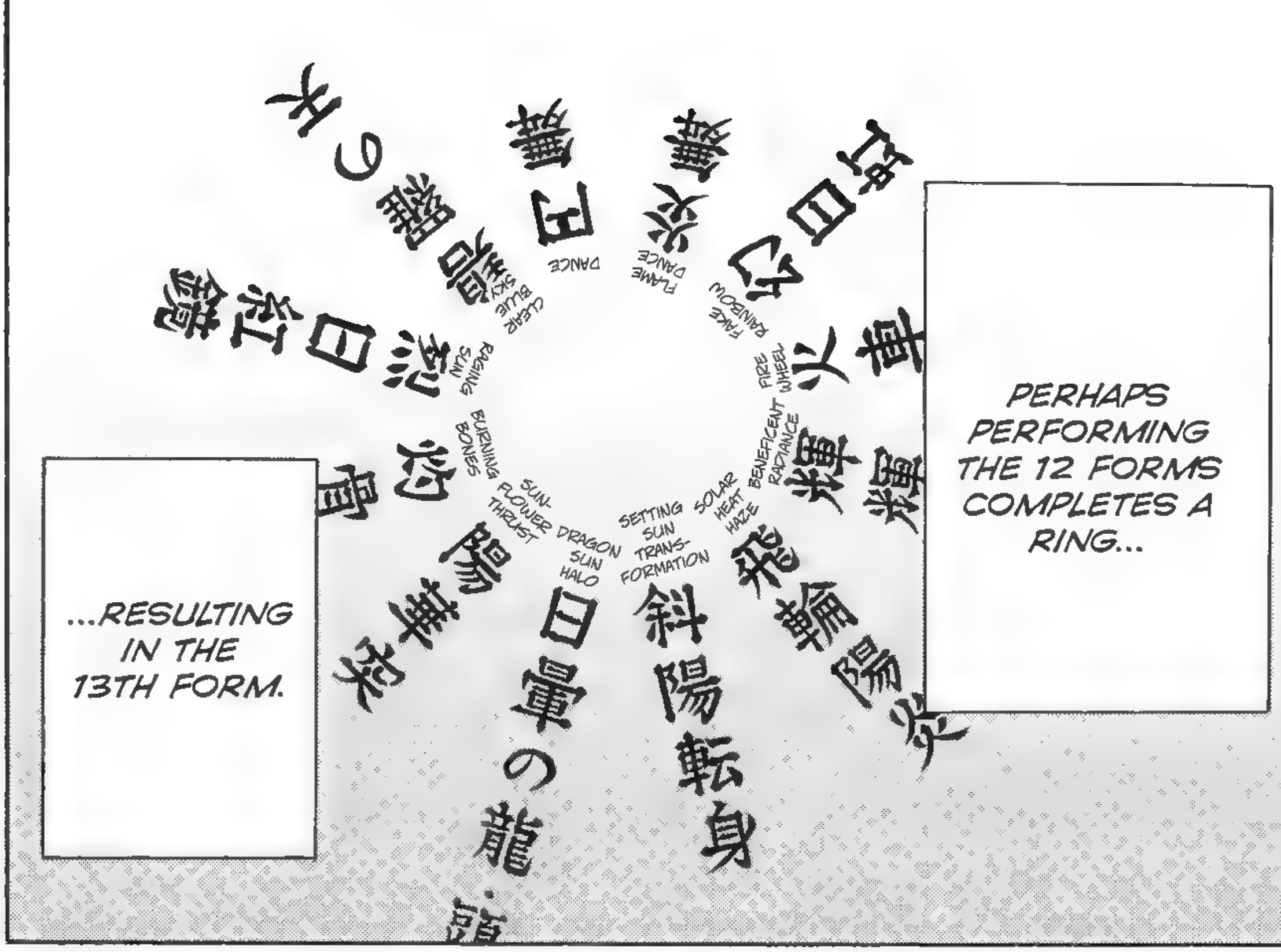
"DANCE" AND "FLAME DANCE" HAVE SIMILAR NAMES.

...UNTIL DAWN.

HE ALWAYS DANCED THE HINOKAMI KAGURA...

...I REALIZED SOMETHING WHEN I SAW MUZAN'S CURRENT FORM.

FURTHER-MORE...


PERHAPS PERFORMING THE 12 FORMS COMPLETES A RING...
...RESULTING IN THE 13TH FORM.
DANCE
FLAME DANCE
CLEAR BLUE SKY
RAGING SUNS
FIRE WHEEL
FIRE RAINBOW
BURNING BONES
BENEFICENT RADIANCE
SUN-FLOWER THRUST
SOLAR HEAT HAZE
DRAGON SUN HALO
SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMATION
THE 12 FORMS ARE CONNECTED BY DANCE AND FLAME DANCE.
...AND CONTINUE STRIKING HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS UNTIL DAWN.
I WILL WEAVE THROUGH MUZAN'S ATTACKS...
...THAT'S SURE TO PUT ME THROUGH HELL.
IT'S A TREMEN-DOUS TASK...

I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

...IF I CAN STAY ALIVE UNTIL DAWN.

I DON'T HAVE YORIICHI'S OR MY FATHER'S SKILL.

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE MIGHT LOSE CONFIDENCE.

BESIDES, HOW CAN I PREVENT MUZAN FROM ESCAPING?

CAN I DO WHAT YORIICHI HIMSELF COULDN'T?

...I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN.

NEVER-THELESS...

I'LL KEEP MY HEART BURN-ING.

I WILL NOT LOSE.

I WILL NOT BREAK.

WHAM

WHAM

A GHOST!!

I SAW IT.

...AND HE PROJECTS EIGHT EVEN FASTER TUBES FROM HIS THIGHS AND ATTACKS WITH THEM.

THERE ARE NINE TUBES ON HIS BACK, PLUS HIS TWO ARMS...

YES... THE REASON HE DEFEATED EVERYONE...

MUZAN CAN CHANGE SHAPE. IF I THINK OF HIM AS HAVING A FIXED FORM, HE WILL STRIKE IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY.

SUN BREATHING DANCE!

RAGING SUN!!

FIRE WHEEL!

KHAAA

I'LL CONNECT THEM ALL.

...SINCE THAT'S HOW THEY'RE DESIGNED.

I WILL CONNECT THE FORMS...

I WILL DO ALL 12 FORMS!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YORIICHI?

The meanings of the flowers that Sumire gave Yoriichi:

- White periwinkle—
  Lifelong friendship

- Pale pink periwinkle—
  Fond memories

WHEN LIVING CREATURES ARE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...

I KNOW THAT.

...THEY BECOME STRONGER.

CHAPTER 193: A DIFFICULT DOOR BEGINS TO OPEN

THOSE WHO CANNOT DO SO WILL DIE.

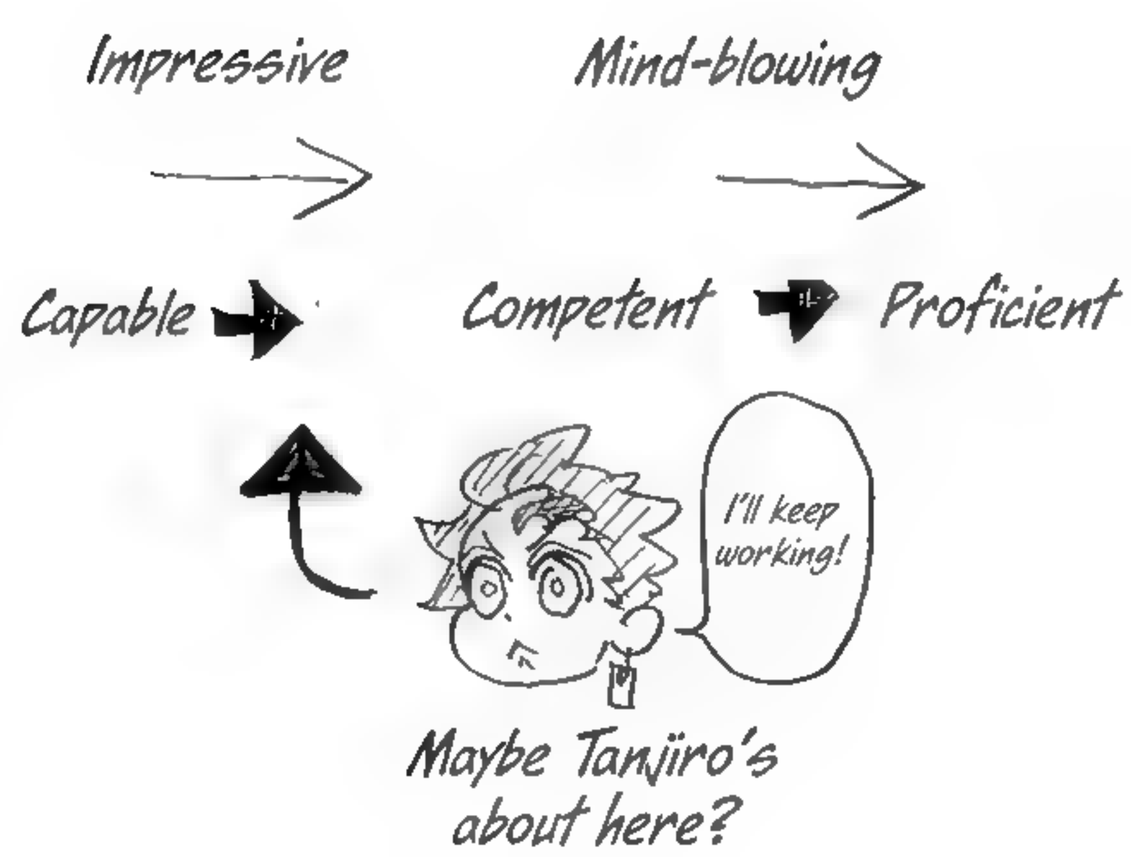
...THEY TAP INTO SENSES AND STRENGTH UNNECES-SARY IN DAILY LIFE.

IN ORDER TO ESCAPE DEATH...

BUT THOSE WHO CAN...

CHAPTER 193: A DIFFICULT DOOR BEGINS TO OPEN

Being capable, competent, and proficient are all different things. Being capable means practicing over and over to become able to perform a certain technique. Being competent means learning how to do it reliably from any position and under any circumstances. Being proficient means developing it to the point of always being able to deploy it at maximum effectiveness, better and faster than anybody else.



HE TURNED HIS BLADE BRIGHT RED WITHOUT RELYING ON HIS YOUNGER SISTER'S POWER.

THE HASHIRA ALSO TURNED THEIR BLADES RED IN VARIOUS WAYS.

WHICH MEANS HE OPENED THE DOOR ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.

HOW-EVER...

...BE HIS EQUAL.

...IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

YOU WILL NEVER...

WSH

HIS RED BLADE AND SWORD SWINGS WERE MUCH MORE FORMIDABLE.

DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE!

FIRE WHEEL!

HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS ARE MOVING ALL OVER...

...AND HIS ATTACKS ARE HOLDING ME BACK SO I CAN'T REACH HIS TORSO!

I FINALLY ...

... CONNECTED SIX OF THE FORMS.

I'M HALFWAY THERE!

AND MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT COULD BURST.

THE INTENSE PACE IS MAKING MY LUNGS HEAVE...

...AND MY LIMBS HURT LIKE THEY MIGHT RIP OFF.

SHU

UP

ONE HOUR...

THERE'S ONE HOUR UNTIL DAWN.

SHI

!!

SHUUPPP

CONCENTRATE! DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THIS VERY SECOND!

MY BLADE SLOWS... MY LIMBS SLOW...

...OVER AND OVER UNTIL DAWN BREAKS.

JUST CONNECT ONE SECOND... TO THE NEXT...

FAKE RAINBOW!

BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!

THUS HE WILL NEVER REPRO-DUCE THE TECHNIQUE ...

...THAT HE USED.

HIS TECHNIQUES ARE LOSING ACCURACY.

AND HIS RED BLADE WILL SOON REVERT TO NORMAL.

YET ANOTHER WARRIOR PRESENTS LITTLE CHALLENGE.

BOOM

NO

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?

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ЧИКА ЧИКА ЧИКА

HIS MOVEMENT LACKS VITALITY. HE'S SLOW.

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MOVEMENT EXHAUSTS HUMAN BEINGS AND WEIGHS ON THEM LIKE SHACKLES.

WHAT'S WRONG?

...FINISH OFF ONE EXHAUSTED AND WOUNDED HUMAN?

SO WHY CAN I NOT...

IT MUST BE...

...BECAUSE I AM SLOWING DOWN TOO.

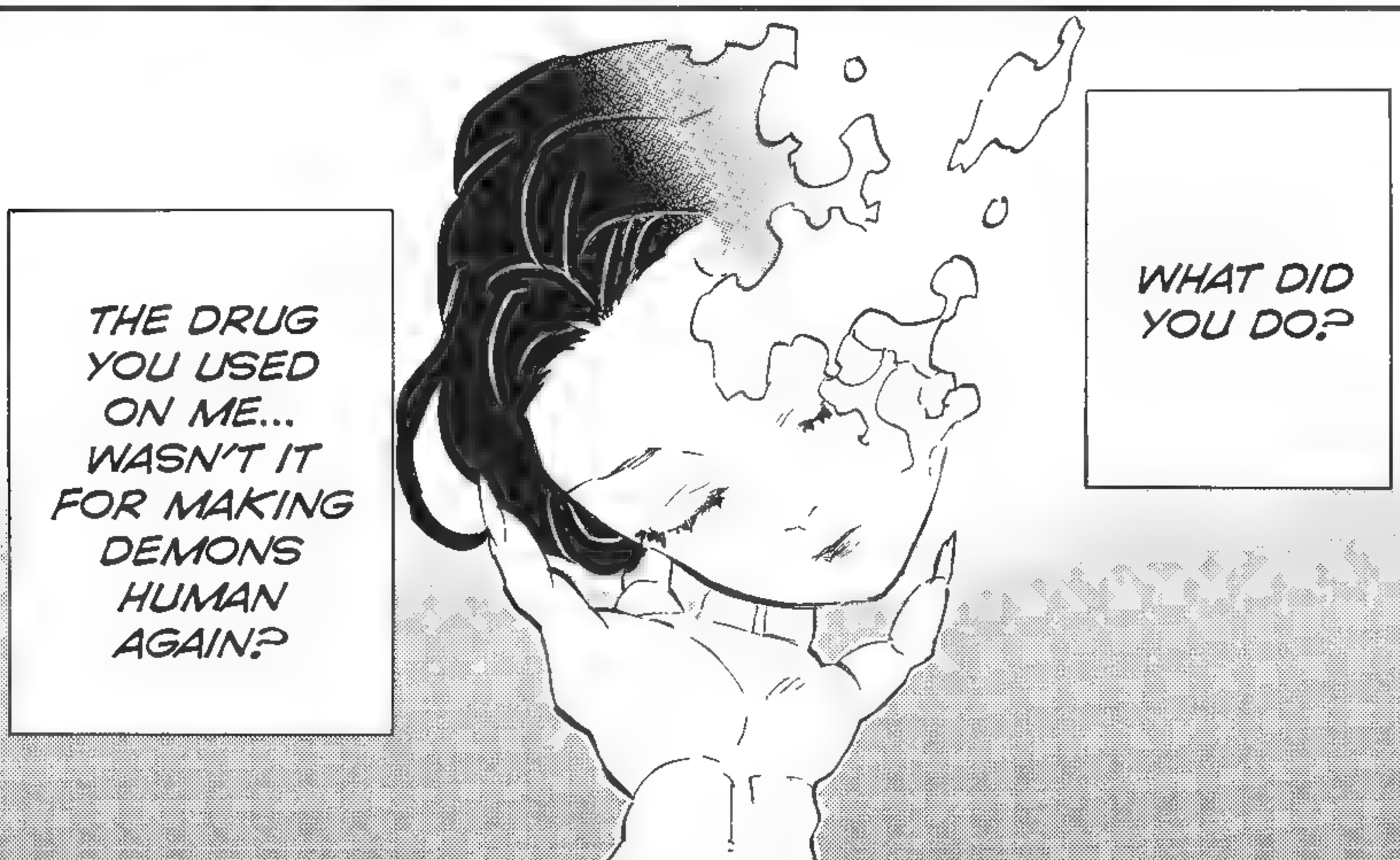
I MUST NOT FAIL A SECOND TIME TO KILL HIM.

OTHERWISE, A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT WOULD NEVER HAVE LASTED THIS LONG.

I INGESTED TAMAYO'S CELLS, SO I'LL MAKE HER TELL ME.

THAT WOMAN MUST HAVE DONE THIS.

WHO


THE DRUG YOU USED ON ME... WASN'T IT FOR MAKING DEMONS HUMAN AGAIN?
WHAT DID YOU DO?

BUT I WON'T TELL YOU...

...DOES INDEED DO THAT.

THE DRUG I USED ON YOU...

USE ALL THOSE BRAINS OF YOURS TO FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF!

...WHAT *ELSE* IT DOES.

SMASH

I WILL READ THE MEMORY REMAINING IN HER CELLS.

SHE'S THE HUMAN POISONER THAT DOMA ATE.

THAT GIRL...

...ON THE ASSUMPTION HE CAN WITHSTAND ONE.

LET'S MIX TWO POISONS...

...LET'S ALSO INCLUDE SOMETHING THAT WILL HAVE AN EVEN GREATER EFFECT WHEN LEFT OVER.

...BUT IF THAT DOESN'T WORK...

THE FIRST ONE MAKES DEMONS HUMAN AGAIN...

AND THIS ONE THAT YOU MADE WILL AGE MUZAN 50 YEARS IN ONE MINUTE.

FOR THE SECOND ONE, AN AGING POTION WOULD BE PERFECT.

I SEE... I'M AGING!

AGING!!

THAT'S WHY I'M STRUGGLING AGAINST THE HASHIRA AND THIS FLAGGING DEMON SLAYER!

MY BODY HAS BEEN DIVERTING STRENGTH TO FIGHT AGING.

FOUR HOURS... NO, ALMOST FIVE.

HOW MANY HOURS AGO DID TAMAYO GIVE ME THE DRUG?

IN OTHER WORDS...

...IT HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR OVER THREE HOURS.

IF I SUBTRACT THE TIME IT TOOK TO START WORKING...

...I'VE AGED 9,000 YEARS!!

KAWWW!

FIFTY-NINE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED SOONER WHEN THE COLOR DID NOT RETURN TO MY HAIR.

!

SOLAR HEAT HAZE!

SUN BREATH-ING

BENEFICENT RADIANCE!

CLEAR BLUE SKY!

FIRE WHEEL!

RAGING SUN!

FLAME DANCE!

FAKE RAIN-BOW!

STOP JUMPING AROUND!!

SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMA-TION!

DANCE!

DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE!

SUN-FLOWER THRUST!

BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!

I CONNECTED ALL 12 FORMS!!

NOW FASTER! AND MORE ACCURATELY!

REPEAT THIS CYCLE OF 12 UNTIL DAWN!!

MUZAN'S ABILITIES

• Thin tubes: nine on his back (length: 4 m), fast, unpredictable movement

• Thin tubes: four in each thigh for a total of eight (length: 7 m), faster than the tubes on his back. Unlike his back tubes, they extend and retract. They attack from blind spots.

• Both arms can drastically lengthen and shorten (approx. 90 cm–10 m). Since they don't have a fixed shape or length, their attacks are hard to read. They also make it difficult for attackers to get in close. The inhalations from the many irregularly positioned mouths draw in nearby objects, clearing out a wide space. The size of the inhalations varies from moment to moment.

CHAPTER 194: BURN SCARS

TWITCH

KICK

FLOP

GNAW

CHACHA-MARU...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

I TURNED IT INTO A DEMON RIGHT BEFORE THE BIG BATTLE.

IS TH-THAT CAT A DEMON TOO? WOW...

GO TREAT THE WOUNDED! YOU GUYS ARE REALLY UNHELPFUL!

OH, RIGHT!! WE GOTTA GO!

GASP

GASP

BUT WHY ARE YOU TWO JUST STANDING AROUND?

H-HERE, USE THIS!

WHAT IS THAT?

YOU HAVEN'T ADMINISTERED THE SERUM?! AGATSUMA, THE BOAR GUY AND TSUYURI NEED IT!!

YOU NEED THE SERUM!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BOAR GUY?!

OH NO... HIS LEG IS A MESS....

...CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

HIMEJIMA...

BLAM

...WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO FIGHT.

BWMP

EVEN IF HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

BWMP

...BLOOD LOSS AND LACK OF EQUILIBIRUM...

TAMAYO ...

THERE'S NO WAY TANJIRO CAN LAST ALONE!

HIMEJIMA IS DOWN WITH OVER 50 MINUTES LEFT UNTIL SUNRISE.

SOMEHOW... YOU MUST!

I'M BEGGING YOU!

PLEASE, PROTECT TANJIRO.

NIGHTMAN

...HIS HEARTS AND BRAINS!
I MUST ACCU-RATELY...
... TARGET ...
IT ISN'T ENOUGH...
...TO JUST CONNECT THE FORMS!

?!

CONCEN-TRATE HARDER!

ENTER THE TRANSPARENT WORLD!

I'M NOT GETTING ENOUGH OXYGEN!!

I CAN'T SEE!!

SLIP

OH NO!

I'LL LAST UNTIL DAWN!! IT'S ALL—

CALM DOWN!!

PINPOINT HIM BY SMELL!

SOMEONE SAVED ME!!

THAT SMELL...

WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!

...

MY VISION IS RETURN-ING...

THAT PATTERN IS...

WHEEZ

WHEEZ

IGURO ?!

NO! IT HAPPENED EARLIER!

SHUT UP AND QUIT WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS!

IGURO! YOUR EYES!!

DID YOU GET INJURED HELPING ME?

KABOOM

MY RIGHT EYE WAS ALWAYS BAD ANYWAY! I COULD BARELY SEE OUT OF IT!

IGURO, I'LL BACK YOU UP!

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.

I HAVE KABURA-MARU!

KABURA-MARU...

HISSS

!!

OKAY, THANKS.

YOU'VE RECOVERED? THEN I'LL LET YOU GO.

WAH
!!

IGURO !!

SWF

BAM BAM BAM

STOP !!

IS THAT DUMB ANIMAL...

IS THE SNAKE RELAYING INFORMATION TO HIM?

...READING MY ATTACKS ?!

SSSSSSS—

...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO KILL A SERIOUSLY WOUNDED HUMAN BEING IN AN INSTANT.

EVEN IF HE TRAINED IN EXPECTATION OF LOSING BODY PARTS...

...AND RECOVERING FROM IT IS SAPPING MY STRENGTH!

I STILL HAVEN'T ADAPTED...

IT'S THE AGING POTION.

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IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO AVOID OXYGEN DEPRIVATION...

...SO I CAN'T ENTER THE TRANSPARENT WORLD!

HIS SCENT IS GRADUALLY CHANGING...

...BUT HE'S STILL STRONG!!

EVERYONE'S ATTACKS HAVE WEAKENED MUZAN.

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WHAT'S THAT?

MUZAN'S BODY IS CHANGING.

IGURO HAS HELPED ME MANY TIMES...

...SO I NEED TO HELP HIM!

EVEN AT TWO AGAINST ONE, THIS IS HARD!!

I HAVE TO BREAK FREE OF THIS SITUATION SOMEHOW!

OH, I GET IT...

TING

ARE THOSE SCARS?

THEY LOOK OLD...

YORIICHI SCARRED MUZAN AT A CELLULAR LEVEL.

DESPITE HUNDREDS OF YEARS, MUZAN NEVER RECOVERED.

YORIICHI MADE THOSE WOUNDS.

EVEN NOW, YORIICHI IS SHOWING US THE WAY!

THOSE ARE MUZAN'S WEAK SPOTS!!

Taisho Whispers

Despite the lack of time while developing the drug, Tamayo managed to turn the cat Chachamaru into a demon. She felt sorry that Chachamaru couldn't choose to become a demon of its own free will, but this way Yushiro wouldn't be alone and feel as lonely.

Handsome Cat

CHAPTER 195: BEWILDERMENT

...HE LOOKED WEAK.

AT FIRST...

I NEVER EXPECTED HE COULD CUT OFF MY HEAD...

HE DIDN'T SHOW ANY DRIVE, FIGHTING SPIRIT, HATRED...

...OR ANIMOSITY.

...THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO BURN MY FLESH, MY VERY CELLS LIKE SUNLIGHT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

...OR WOUND ME IN A WAY...

IT WAS LIKE A RIDICULOUS MYTH.

NOT EVEN GOD OR BUDDHA WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT.

...WAS HIM...

BUT THE REAL MONSTER...

...AND NOT ME!!

HE'S CLEARLY WEAKEN-ING!

MUZAN CAN'T HIDE HIS WOUNDS ANYMORE!

HE CAN'T MASK THEM!

THEY ALL...

...DID THIS TOGETHER!

...PUSHING HIM INTO THIS CORNER!

THE OTHERS BOUGHT PRECIOUS TIME...

I WILL SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END!

SO I MUST DEFEAT HIM!

EVEN IF HIS CONSTANT ATTACKS PREVENT ME FROM ENTERING THE TRANSPARENT WORLD, I CAN STILL AIM FOR HIS VITALS!

HIS WOUNDS ARE MOVING!! THAT MUST BE WHERE HIS HEARTS AND BRAINS ARE!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

KABURAMARU CAN ONLY HELP SO MUCH!

BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IGURO'S EYES!!

FORTY MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

OH, RIGHT! THOSE EYES!!

YUSHIRO'S EYES!! IF I PICK THOSE UP...

!!

DOOM

HE RAN AWAY!! IGURO, MUZAN FLED!!

DID HE RUN AWAY?!

HE WANTS TO ESCAPE!!

?!

...OR A HUMAN BEING WHO ACTS ON EMOTION!

MUZAN ISN'T A SAMURAI WITH PRIDE...

OF COURSE!

HE'S A THING THAT ONLY CLINGS TO LIFE!

AS DAWN APPROACHES AND HIS LIFE IS THREATENED, HE WON'T HESITATE TO RUN!

DAMMIT !!

HE'S GETTING AWAY! I CAN'T KEEP UP!

NO!!

ARE WE GOING TO LOSE?! NOT LIKE THIS!

THEN EVERYONE WOULD HAVE DIED FOR NOTHING!!

HE TRAMPLED ON FALLEN CORPS MEMBERS!

SMASH

KRAKEN

AND PIERCING ATTACKS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN SLASHES RIGHT NOW!

I DRIVE THEM BACK, BUT THEY WON'T GO AWAY.

WHAT PESKY INSECTS!

TAKE THESE !!

IGURO, HERE!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SHARE KABURA-MARU'S SIGHT!

UGH!!

KOFF

THE SEALS!!

OH NO!

IGURO! JUMP THREE LONG STRIDES TO THE RIGHT!!

HS

!!

GET THEM, KABURA-MARU!!

THEY'RE TOO SMALL!!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TANJIRO THREW THEM!

STOP

MUZAN WON'T GET AWAY!!

AW

THANK YOU.

TANJIRO ...

!!

CATCH HIM BETWEEN US!!

MOVE TO CONSTANTLY BLOCK HIM OFF!

SO FIGHTING IS *MUCH* EASIER!!

IT ISN'T LIKE HUMAN SIGHT, BUT I CAN SEE BETTER NOW!

ALL RIGHT!!

WE CAN STOP HIM TOGETHER !!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

HUFF

MOVE!

DON'T BLOCK MY WAY!

HUFF

THEY NEVER GIVE UP!

THEY'RE SO PERSISTENT!

MY PHYSICAL STRENGTH WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER!

HUFF

I'M RUNNING OUT OF BREATH!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!!

HUFF

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WHY MUZAN MADE DEMONS

- To find someone capable of withstanding sunlight as a demon.

- To make upper-rank demons. Upper-rank demons are particularly difficult to create because they require a large amount of Muzan's blood, which destroys most recipients' cells. When upper-rank demons recruit people, they give them their own blood, but an upper-rank demon's blood doesn't have the ability to make demons. It sends their intention of making a demon to Muzan, and if Muzan approves, it changes into blood capable of making a demon. Only upper-rank demons can make such requests.

CHAPTER 196: 1 AM

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HUFF

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RUN!
RUN,
SIS!!

...WHO CAN CONQUER THE SUN.

I CANNOT EASILY MAKE A DEMON...

SO THEY DIE FROM AN INJECTION OF THIS MUCH BLOOD...

THUD

HUFF

HUFF

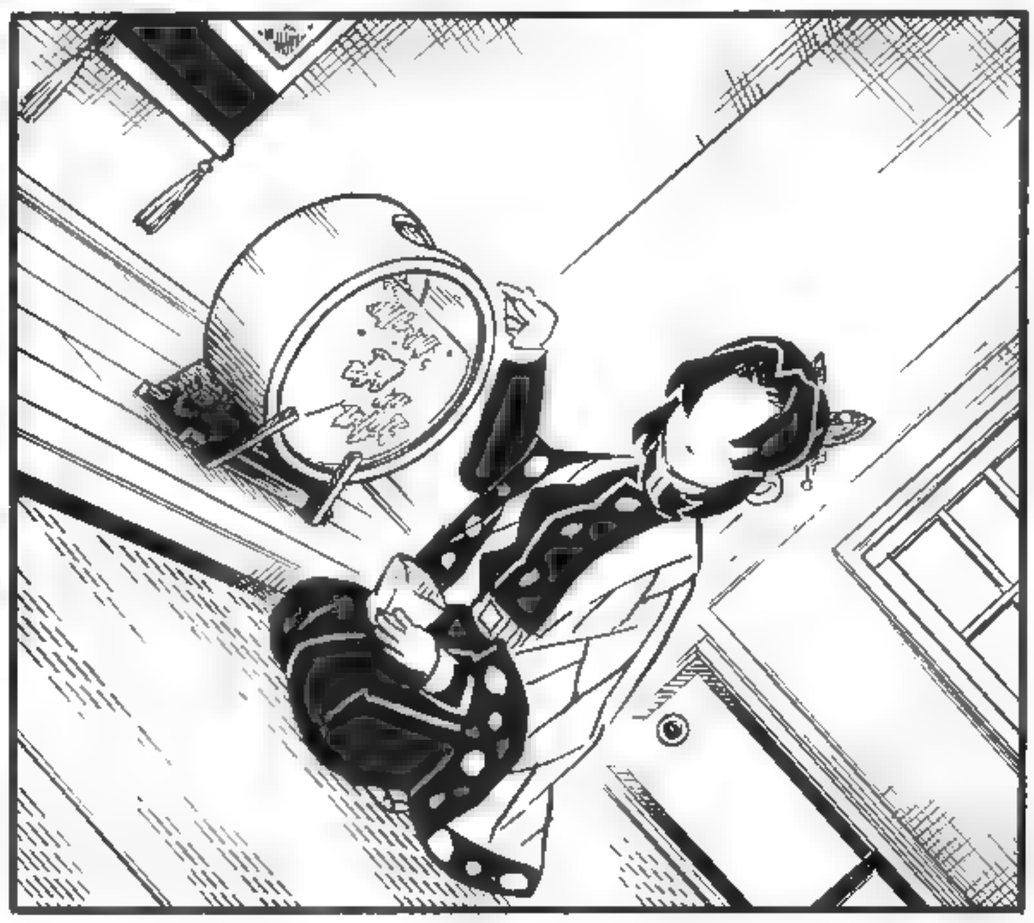
HUFF

HUFF

BOMP

BIMP

WANT TO SEE THE GOLD-FISH?



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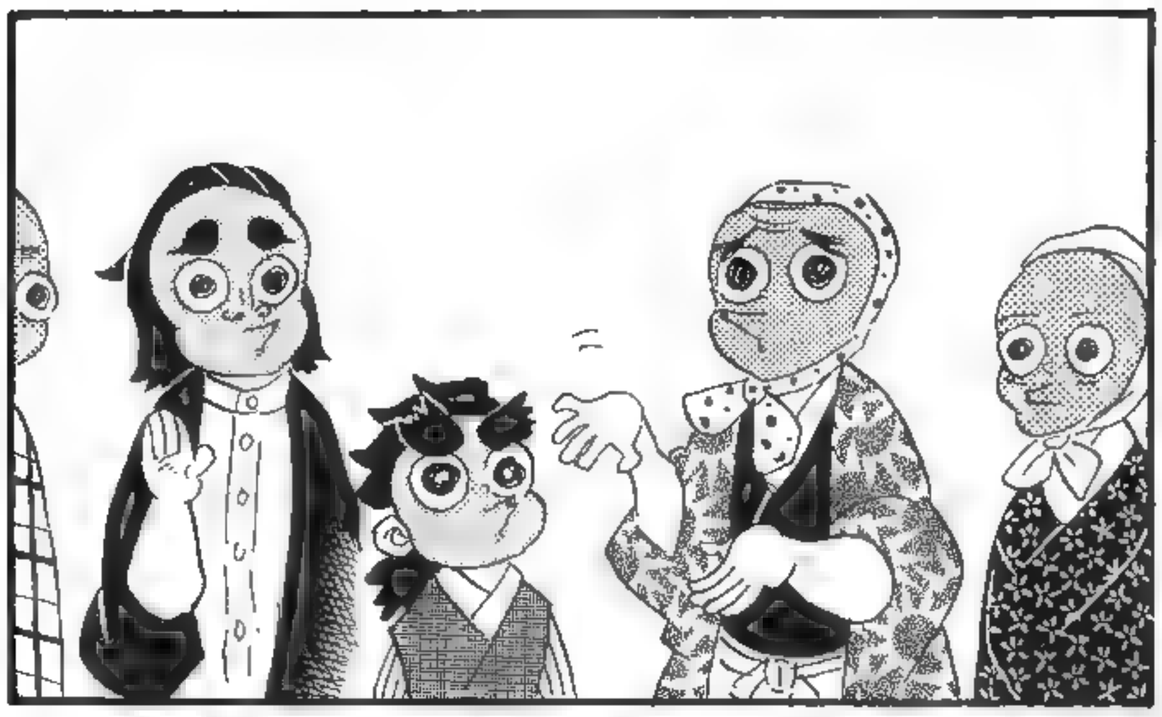

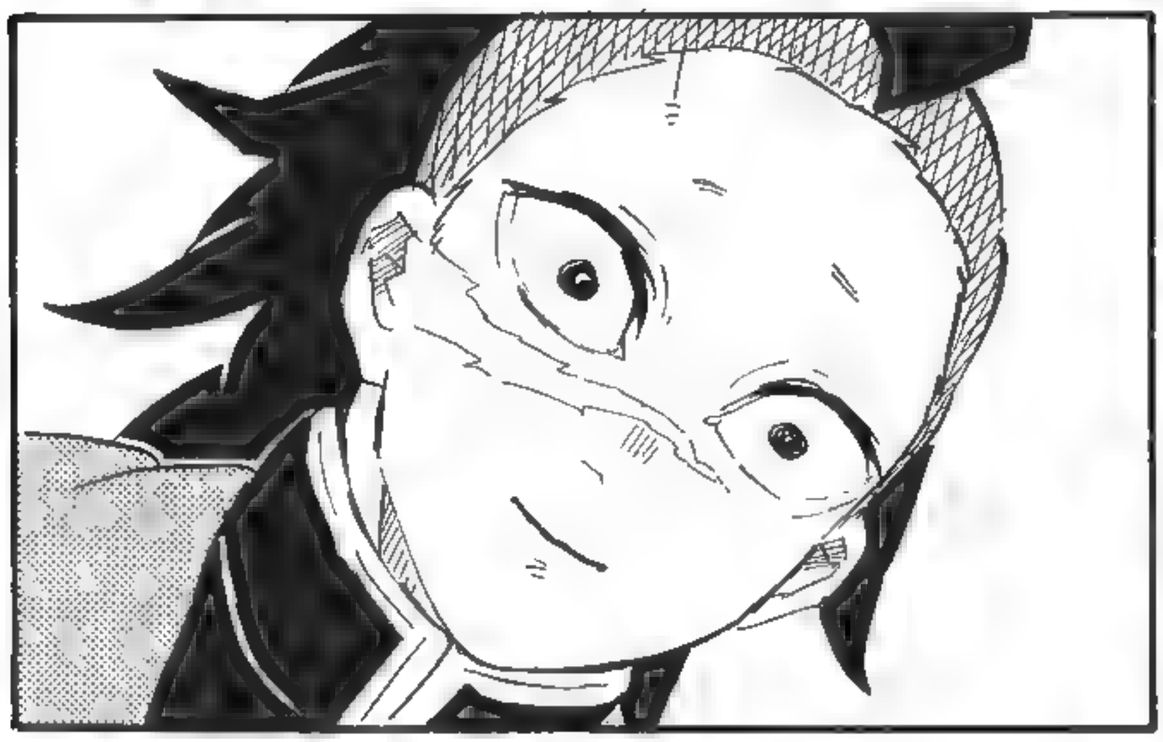

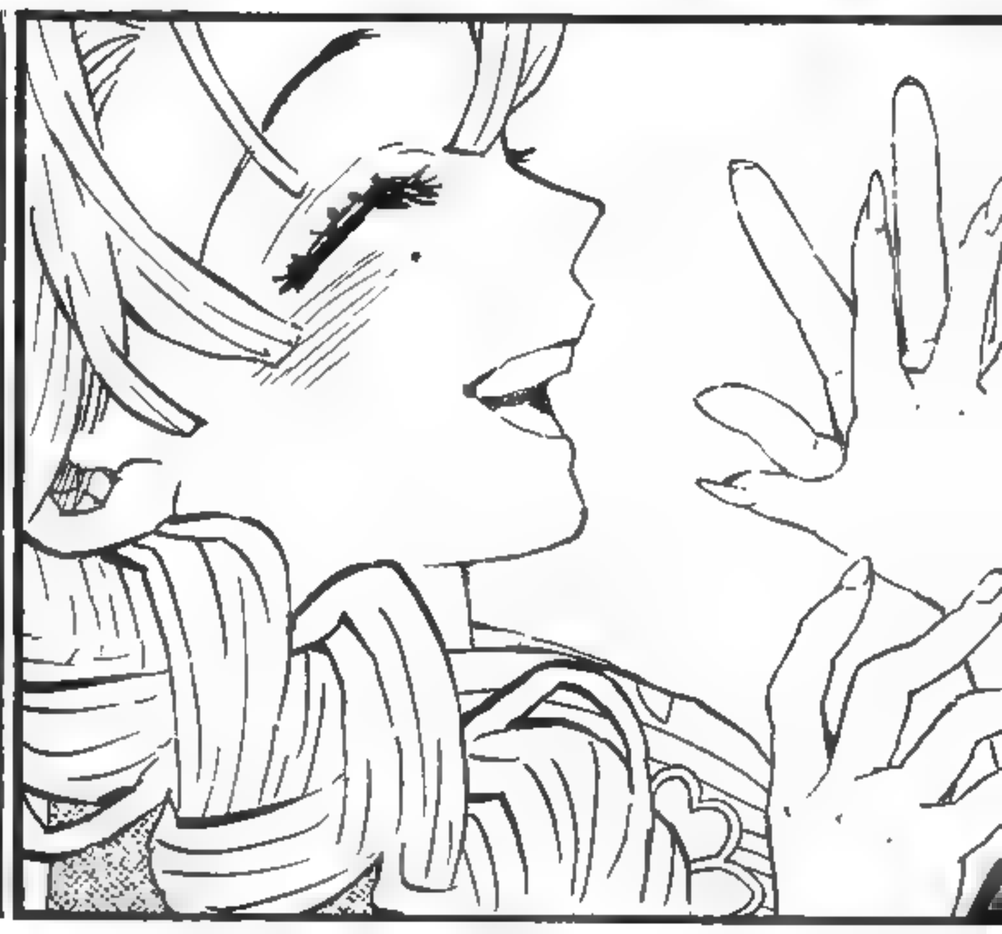

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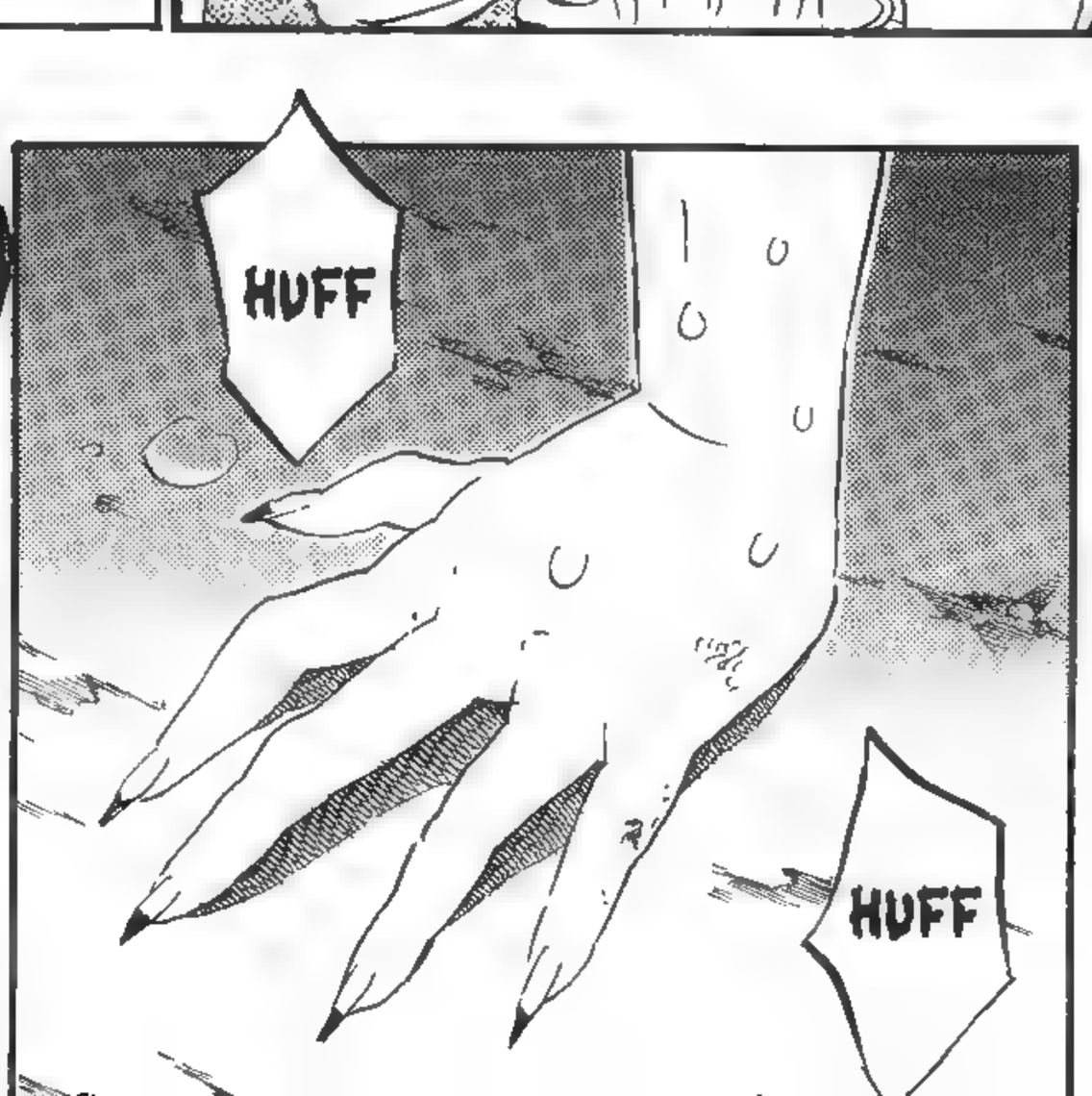
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NEZUKO...

AAGH!

AHHH!

HNGHH...

BAM

...IS GOING TO SAVE YOU!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOUR BIG BROTHER...

SLASH

...NEZUKO KAMADO!!

I AM...

A DEMON...

THAT KILLED MY FAMILY.

SWANG

WHAM

BAM

HUFF

HUFF

I SENSE LIFE.

BUY ONE SECOND ...

STAND FIRM!

HUFF

THEY'RE RETURN-ING.

HUFF

...AND THEN ANOTHER ONE!

MY ATTACKS WEREN'T ENOUGH TO KILL THEM.

THOSE PESKY HASHIRA...

TAMAYO'S DEMON IS TREATING THEM...

...SO THEY CAN FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

...BUT THEY ARE NOT DEAD.

THEIR WOUNDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL...

NO...IT'S NOT JUST HIM.

IT'S THIS BOY'S FAULT I COULDN'T FINISH THEM OFF.

THAT ORGANIZATION IS LIKE A LIVING CREATURE SEEKING TO CATCH ME IN ITS COILS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS ARE LINKED LIKE BEADS IN A ROSARY.

HUFF

THIS FIGHT IS OVER.

I NEED NOT RISK THIS ANY LONGER.

HUFF

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

HE INTENDS TO DO SOME-THING.

MAYBE HE...

!!

?!

HE'S TRYING TO BREAK INTO SMALLER PIECES AND ESCAPE!!

IGURO! MUZAN IS DIVIDING!

BUT IF WE STRIKE ALL 12 SPOTS AT ONCE...

NO... IF HE DIVIDES, WE'VE LOST!!

CAN THE TWO OF US STOP HIM?!

WOR MD

HE STOPPED!!

I CAN'T DIVIDE!

THAT VIXEN!!

HUMAN REGRESSION, AGING AND DIVISION PREVENTION.

I SEE... THERE WAS A THIRD SUBSTANCE IN TAMAYO'S DRUG.

...YOU'RE WRONG.

SORRY, BUT...

THE THING YOU HATE MOST, DEATH, IS NOW SO CLOSE...

?!

HE COUGHED UP BLOOD!!

THERE WERE *FOUR* SUBSTANCES!

AFTER THE FIRST THREE WEAKENED YOU, THE FOURTH WILL BEGIN CELL DESTRUCTION.

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